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FATAL COLLISION NORTH ORACLE ROAD AT WEST RIVER ROAD

On October 15, 2011 at approximately 2:35 a.m., the Tucson Police Department responded to the intersection of North Oracle Road and West River Road for a reported collision with serious injuries. Officers located the collision immediately north of the intersection. Three adult males were transported to a local trauma center. Shortly after 11 a.m., the victim succumbed to his injuries. He has been identified as **29-year old Stephen Larson**, of Tucson. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to investigate the cause of the collision. Detectives examined roadway evidence and obtained witness statements. Detectives have determined that the victim, driving a 2006 Kia Sorento, had just turned into the northbound middle lane of North Oracle after making a left turn from eastbound River Road. The suspect vehicle, a 2002 Volkswagen Passat, was involved in an illegal street race with another vehicle, and was traveling northbound in the middle lane at a very high rate of speed. The suspect vehicle slammed into the rear of the victim's vehicle just north of the intersection. A passenger in the suspect vehicle, a **22-year old male**, suffered non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the suspect vehicle, identified as **21-year old Demaso Alvarez**, of Tucson, suffered non-life threatening injuries. Both were transported to a local trauma center for evaluation and treatment.

Upon his release from the hospital, Alvarez will be booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Center on **one count of Second Degree Murder, one count of Endangerment, and one count of Criminal Damage**, all felonies.

Alcohol and speed were both factors in the collision.

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